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THE Company's Steamship

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Captain Gerard, will be despatched for the
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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
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Hongkong, 14th December, 1901. [1511]

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Taking through cargo for all **QUEENSLAND** and
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"HIROSHIMA MARU,"
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 above Ports TO-MORROW, the 16th instant.

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Hankow, 10th December, 1891. [1492]

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THE Company's Steamship
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 Captain D. Demeré will be despatched on

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Cargo will not be received on board after 3
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For further information as to Passage and
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FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA,
VIA INLAND SEA.
THE Steamship
"TORRINGTON"

Captain Berwick, will be despatched as above
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Hongkong, 14th December, 1891. 1891

...**"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.**...

**FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE, LONDON,
HAMBURG AND ANTWERP,**
THE Steamship

"GLAMORGANSHIRE,"
Captain Davies, will be despatched as above
on or about THURSDAY, the 26th December.

Instead of as previously advertised.
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FOR HONOLULU.

THE Company's Steamship
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Cargo and Passengers will be sent forward by
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Hongkong, 1st November, 1891.

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THE EGYPTIAN BUDGET.

The Egyptian budget for the year 1892 shows
a surplus of half a million sterling.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE German gunboat *Itz* arrived at Ningpo
on the 9th inst.

THE Hong Kong Elgin is expected here in the
steamship *Avon* to-morrow.

THE Italian cruiser *Stefano* will soon join the
Vulturno on the China station.

THE French cruiser *Esmeralda* left Chinkiang
bound for Wuhu on the 10th inst.

PROFESSOR Friedenthal's concert comes off at
the City Hall to-night, at 9 p.m.

THE British gunboat *Redoubt* arrived at Chinkiang
on the 9th inst. to relieve the *Swift*.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Castor* left
Bombay for this port on the evening of the 11th
inst.

THE Agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Carill & Co.)
inform us that the steamship *Patika* left Singapore
for this port yesterday, and is due on or
about the 20th inst.

Isn't Monsieur Henri Broya getting too much
in evidence—becoming rather a nuisance in fact,
in the columns of our Shanghai contemporaries?
Enough is as good as a feast, even of geniuses
like M. Henri Broya.

INDICATIONS of an extensive coal field have been
found at Conjeeveram, not far from Madras, and
a Company is in course of formation—that is "of
course"—the intention being to search for coal
seams by means of steam-boring machinery.

It gives us infinite pleasure to learn, on the
authority of the *San-pao*, that the Taoist of
Shanghai "has benevolently caused to be made
and distributed 240 suits of wadded clothing for
the use of the night watchmen and street gate-
keepers" in that evil-smelling city.

A NATIVE contemporary reports that a fire lately
broke out in the business portion of Hangchow,
destroying many large stores. The damage was
great and the loss considerable. Also that on
the night of December and a heavy fall of snow
occurred in Hangchow, when the wind was very
strong and the cold intense.

THE Band of the A. & S. Highlanders will play
the following programme at the Officers' Mess
this evening, commencing at 8 p.m.:—

March "Brenda" (Brenda's Band)
Waltz "La Serrana" (Garcia)
Selection "Overture" (Garcia)
Selection "The Flower of Persia" (Garcia)

A CHANCERY suit has been cheerfully joggling
along in Melbourne for the past six years.
During that time two judges concerned in the
case, and both the leading lawyers, have died,
and some other eminent jurists are pocketing
fees and refreshers in their stead. Another
striking instance of *Juryday v. Jarnady*.

THE *Kiukiang* has been engaged by the Committee
of the V.R.C. as flag-ship for the regatta on
the 17th and 18th instants, and through the
courtesy of Mr. D. Gilles the *Pilot* will leave
Plover's wharf on Thursday and Friday next at
12.30 and 1.30 p.m., to take spectators off to the
Kiu-kiang, where the regatta will be profitable.
The eight-oared race, Club v. United Services, will
take place on Saturday at 3.30 p.m.

THE time it will take anybody to count 1,000,000
sovereigns at the rate of three a second, twelve
hours a day, would be 7 days 15 hours 35
minutes and 22 seconds. If any of our
readers, who would like to try this interesting
experiment, doesn't happen to have a million
sovereigns handy, he can borrow them from the
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. If all tales be
true, that flourishing institution doesn't quite
know what to do with its surplus stock of sove-
reigns just now.

A JAPANESE piper, the *Shogyo Shimpo*, states
that about seventy persons were arrested at
Tokushima, in the province of Awa, on the 1st
inst., on suspicion of having gambled in *shari*.
Great Scott! Kewick's Hongkong Share
Abortion is not a circumstance compared with
the cast-iron statutes of liberal-minded, free
Japan. But there's a good time coming, boys,
even in the degraded land of the Rising Sun.
The French Revolution is an instructive chapter
in the world's history.

THE British steamer *Sandakan* will be sold by
auction at Singapore on Friday, the 18th inst.
British steamers would seem to be a bit of a
drug on the Far Eastern market just now. And
yet the poor, unfortunate Germans boom along
smilingly, and amass the shekels of the
Philippines by the picul. We shall have to
forsake Free Trade if this sort of thing continues
much longer, and advocate a strong policy of
reciprocal Protection. We might create all the
Germans, or transfer them to the Chinese;
but there are so many good fellows amongst
them that we forbear from proceeding to extreme
measures.

A DISPATCH from Calcutta dated November
23rd, says:—"The steamer *Guido*, Captain
Ponson, in search for the brig *Coleridge*, picked
up wreckage in latitude 19 degrees 45 minutes,
longitude 85 degrees 39 minutes, thirty-two
miles from Port, in such quantity as leaves no
doubt as to the loss of the ill-fated pilot brig
with all hands; also wreckage from other
vessels unknown. A large number of sharks
and turtles were met with in the neighbourhood
of the wreckage. The *Guido* returned to Cal-
cutta late yesterday evening. Captain Ponson
is suffering from a slight attack of sunstroke.
Captain Pelley issued a general order depriving
in felling terms, the loss of the *Coleridge* and
recapitulating the brilliant services of the Bengal
pilots."

Overheard on the Club steps a day or two
ago:

An at one time opulent but now "busted"
broker, to a military hero—"Say, old chap, who
do you think is our greatest General?"

Military hero (who has more brains than
most of his cloth):—"Well, it's hard to say, old
man. There are some good many veritable 'busts'
on the list, but looking at things calmly and
collectedly, as I usually do when off the field of
battle, I should say General Depression tops the
list."

Broker man:—"General Depression? I never
heard of him!"

Military hero:—"You haven't? Well, read the
Hongkong Telegraph and you'll soon know all
about him. (They don't speak now.)"

THE British despatch vessel *Alcester*, with
Admiral Sir Frederick Richards on board, passed
Chinkiang bound upriver on the night of the
9th inst.

REAR-ADMIRAL Tytton hoisted his flag on the
Pamlat Anava at Yokohama, on Wednesday,
the 2nd instant, in succession to Vice-Admiral
Nasimoff.

A WORK entitled "Events in the Taiping Rebel-
lion," which is being printed from a manuscript
in the handwriting of General Gordon, is about
to be published in England.

THE P. & O. steamer *Vesta* took the ground
about six o'clock in the evening of the 3rd
instant, at Yokohama, while trying to pick up
her buoy, but got off almost immediately.

AT last night's regular meeting of St. John's
Lodge, Bro. J. W. Klapham was installed as
Worshipful Master; J. Dickie as Senior Warden;
J. Stevens as I.P.M.; J. Mitchell as S.M.;
and J. A. Stewart as Secretary, for the ensuing
year.

THE latest estimates of the damage caused by
the recent disastrous earthquake in Japan gives
the number of persons killed as 7,524, wounded
9,458, houses totally destroyed 82,000, partially
destroyed 23,500, people left utterly destitute
150,000, and total damage to property \$20,000,000.

THE appointment of Mr. Walter Caine Hillier,
son-in-law of the late Sir Henry Smith, P.C.,
who has been Acting Consul General in Korea
since 1889, as, according to the London
Gazette, been decreedly promoted to full
Consul-General, the appointment to date from
the 1st October last.

THE author of the fire on board the ship *Assyria*
at Kobe, has been captured, and has confessed.
As was suspected, he is a member of the crew, a
Manila-man who had the mid-watch on board
at night, and it is he who set fire to the ship; but
whether he did it out of spite, or simply because
he did not wish to make the voyage to New
York, so no one knows as yet.

THE N. C. Daily News has the following in its
issue of the 12th instant:—"An extract from a
private letter, dated 1st instant, just received
from Peking, is as follows:—'I presume you have
heard of the troubles which are beginning in the
north, the murder of the native authorities in this
province and at Tsunhuai. The missionaries are
driven out and they are now in Tientsin. I have
not heard full accounts yet as the news reaches
here very slowly, and the foreigners do not speak
much about it to prevent excitement.'"

We learn from the North that Viceroy Li Hung-
chang and Sheng Tao-tai have come to the con-
clusion, that of appointing an Assistant
Manager to the China Maritime Steam Navigation
Co., to have a Board of Supervisors from
the staff now in office, to act in all important
matters with Mr. Hsen, the Director. Those
selected are, according to the *Shanghai Mercury*
of the 11th inst., Messrs. Tong, Chun, and Yin.
Mr. Tong is the agent, Mr. Chun the chief of
the general office, and Mr. Yin the chief of the
accounts department. By this arrangement
it is clear that Ma Kien-tung has been left out
in the cold. He has just failed, by a very narrow
chance, to get into the assistant management.
But alas! there was a slip between the cup and
the lip.

THE *Peking Gazette* of December 1st says:—
The Chinese have shown again that they are
still alive and that they know how to profit by a
20 years' war experience. On the night of the
23rd Nov., a body of 15 soldiers came into
collision with an Chinese band numbering 40
men, who were reconnoitering between Lam
Jamee and Lamthi, which resulted in the death
of three of the former and the wounding of nine
others, four severely. The troops were out on
concealed duty, and were marching along
the railway track, when the Chinese attacked
them from the rear, and the skirmish soon came
to a hand-to-hand fight, the Chinese using
Aluangs. Fortunately a corporal and two men
managed to attack the enemy in the rear and to
put them to flight. A number of *Aluangs* and
fire-arms fell into the hands of the troops, who,
however, lost two rifles."

MESSRS. WHEELLOCK & Co.'s Freight Market
Report, dated Shanghai, 10th December, says:—
Since the date of our last publication rates of
freight for the home markets have undergone no
change. Coastwise:—Although there are yet
some steamers to return from Tientsin this port
is now closed to steam communication. While
to Whampoa—Stocks of grain in the South are
reported to be far in excess of requirements, and
in consequence there is absolutely no demand
for tonnage. Nagasaki to Shanghai—There is
some enquiry for steam tonnage at quotations,
but we have heard of no business except the
charter that have been effected at the former
port. For London via Suez Canal—Steamers
that have sailed during the past fortnight have
done well, but vessels for despatch in the course
of the next month or so can look for little support
from here. The steamer *Shanghai* is circulated
to leave 15th, steamship *Bombay* 16th, steamship
Yam 16th and steamship *Pinghu* 19th inst.
For New York—The steamship *Colingham*
sailed 7th instant, and the steamship *Flav* 10th
inst. is now on the berth circulated for despatch 13th
instant; she will be followed by the steamship
Benlarie due in a few days. With the closing
of the northern ports and the small amount of
tea yet to go forward there are but poor prospects
for steamers "to arrive" being able to procure
much cargo, as far as this port is concerned. *Yid*
the *China*—The American ship *Yid* is being
and *Governor Goodwin* are open to be chartered,
but no charters have yet been effected, although
we hear offers have been made; chances of
obtaining material assistance here are not
encouraging, as the bulk of cargo intended for
shipment by sail has gone forward by steamer.
Departures for London via the usual port of call
and Suez Canal—O. S. S. Co. *Polyphemus* 29th
ultimo, steamship *Peking* 19th instant, steamship
Praxis 9th instant, all via Foochow. Depart-
ures for New York via the usual port of call
and Suez Canal—Steamship *Shanghai* 26th
ultimo, steamship *Colingham* 6th instant,
both via Foochow and Amoy. Quotations are:—
Shanghai to London, P. & O. S. N. Co. 25s.
per ton for tea and general cargo; through to New
York 35s. od. for tea and general cargo.
Shanghai to London, O. S. S. Co. 25s. per ton
for tea and general cargo; through to New York
35s. od. for tea and general cargo. Shanghai to
London, "Glen" Line 25s. per ton for tea and
general cargo; through to New York 35s. od.
for tea and general cargo. Shanghai to London,
"Ben" Line 25s. per ton for tea and general cargo;
through to New York 35s. od. for tea and general
cargo. Shanghai to London, C. S. M. S. N. Co.
25s. per ton for tea and general cargo; through to
New York 35s. od. for tea and general cargo.
Shanghai to New York, 40s. per ton for tea and
general cargo. Nagasaki to Shanghai, 70s. cents
for steamer, and \$1.00 for sail. Wuhu to Canton,
90s. cents for steamer. Settlement during the
month:—*Kentish*, British steamer, 1,100 tons
register, Kuchow to Hongkong, private terms.
Dispatched in port:—*Yid*, 2,000 tons, *Yid*,
American ship, 1,000 tons, *Governor*,
Goodwin, American ship, 1,400 tons register.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before Chief Justice Sir J. Russell and
a Special Jury.)

December 15th.

MINHINNITT v. FRASER-SMITH.

The libel action brought by J. Minhinnitt,
Foreman of the Public Works Department,
against the editor of the *Hongkong Telegraph*
was commenced this morning. The following
were sworn on the special jury:—

Messrs. Herman D. Junt, Charles C. Cohen, D.
B. Tata, G. Stewart, E. R. Bellis, G. de Cham-
peau, and H. W. Dick.

Mr. L. Mandel was called, but pleaded that
he should be exempt as he had served on the
jury in the criminal action a year ago between
the same parties. He was therefore excused.
The foreman of the jury asked what remunera-
tion would be given the jury if the case lasted
more than one day.

His Lordship said the usual fee was \$10 per
day, unless the parties agreed to any other rate.
The parties did not.

Mr. Francis, Q.C., instructed by Messrs.
Dunnys and Messop, appeared for the plaintiff,
and Mr. Fraser-Smith appeared in person to
defend.

Mr. Francis said:—May it please your
Lordship, and gentlemen of the jury, this
action is brought by John Minhinnitt, who
is employed in the Public Works Depart-
ment of this Colony, against Robert Fraser-Smith,
proprietor, editor and publisher of the *Hongkong*
Telegraph, to recover damages to be laid at
\$5,000 in respect of several libels alleged to have
been published by the defendant referring to
John Minhinnitt. The petition says:—

1. The plaintiff John Minhinnitt is now and
for many years past has been an Overseer of
Works under the Government of Hongkong in
the Department formerly known as the Surveyor
General's Department, but now designated the
Public Works Department.

2. The defendant is the Editor, Proprietor and
Publisher of a daily newspaper published in
Hongkong known as the *Hongkong*
Telegraph and he was such Editor, Proprietor
and Publisher in the months of August and
September, 1890.

3. On or about the 12th August last the
defendant libeled and maliciously printed and
published in his said newspaper, the *Hongkong*
Telegraph, of and concerning the plaintiff and
of concerning his conduct as such Overseer
of Works as aforesaid the words and figures
following, that is to say:—

"It is rankles work pegging away at abuses
which are so ancient that they have almost be-
come entitled to recognition as *privileges*; but
in the light of two or three recent cases in the
Supreme Court we feel constrained to once more
urge upon the Government the necessity for a
thorough investigation of the inner working of
the notoriously corrupt and disgracefully incom-
petent Public Works Department. For years it
has been the subject of general discussion, and
we know it is an open secret in the lower official
circles of the colony, that the majority of the
surveyors and overseers in this Department, of
course, and we heartily sympathize with them,
men with \$100 a month must find it a hard
struggle to refuse the 'cumshaws' which the
rascally Chinese contractors press on them,
and to have to return, as a matter of course,
the generous contributions towards their
Christmas cheer which they see their fellow-
employees accepting wholesale. They unfortun-
ately get but little credit for such exceptional
'honesty,'—meaning thereby and intending to be
understood that the plaintiff was in his office
as such Overseer of Public Works in the Govern-
ment's service, and that he had by his venality
and corruption and in breach of his duty as
such Overseer amassed large sums of money
by taking bribes from Chinese contractors
employed on Government works over which
he was placed as Overseer, and that he was,
in breach of his duties and obligations as a
Government servant carrying on the business of
a money lender."

4. On or about the 13th day of September,
1890, the plaintiff John Minhinnitt was on the
complaint of George William Ward charged
before one of the Police Magistrates of this
Colony with the crime of rape, and was dis-
charged as innocent by the said Magistrate after
due hearing and investigation by the Magistrate
of the evidence brought forward in support of
the complaint of the said George William
Ward.

5. On or about the 26th day of September, the
defendant libeled and maliciously printed and
published of the plaintiff and of and concerning
him the words and figures as aforesaid, and
as aforesaid, and with intent to injure the
plaintiff and to bring him into public contempt,
the following false, scandalous and malicious libel,
that is to say:—

"The administration of public justice in Hong-
kong leaves much to be desired. That fact,
patent for many years past, has of late been
prominently brought before the community that
it has become the common talk and by-word of
the town. During the last twelve months at
least a dozen cases of importance have
been notorious as gross miscarriages of justice,
deliberate perjuries of the most rudimentary
principles of the rules of evidence, gross viola-
tions of English law. And in these cases that
wonderful mixture known as a Hongkong jury
has not always been responsible. Even judges
are not infallible—and to wipe out the mistakes,
technical and otherwise, made by the legal
fraternity—'the allegations of the law courts'—as
a witty Australian contemporary designates the
errors of the long robe—would require the
tears of all the angels who have been supplied
with wings since the days of Noah. But even
the half-dozen cases within our own personal
experience in which both law and fact have been
amusingly (and expensively) distorted, have to
pale their ineffectual fires before the sensational
and altogether unexpected termination of the
Government prosecution at the Magistrate's
on the Monday last of a man named John Minhinnitt,
who for some fifteen years past has been
waiting exceeding high and influential as a fore-
man of works in the Surveyor General's
Department. This man was charged
with the crime of rape, and was discharged
as innocent by the Police Magistrate, Mr. G.
Minhinnitt, Chief Justice of the Colony, Mr.

Alfred Bulmer Johnson, Crown Solicitor, Mr.
General Gordon, Acting Captain Superintendent
of Police, the Hon. E. J. Ackroyd, Acting
Attorney-General, the Hon. W. M. Deane, Acting
Colonial Secretary, His Excellency the Acting
Governor (the Hon. Francis Fleming, C.M.G.),
or Mr. Stanton, Inspector in the Hongkong
Police Force. Which one of these officials was
the actual prosecutor we do not know; the
information does not show it, neither is it made
apparent by the evidence adduced. But the
accused was charged with committing a rape, in
other words, outraging a child of about ten
years of age some two years ago, and the
case was heard before Mr. Henry Ernest
Wodehouse, 'M.C.' at the Police Court,
on the 13th and 2nd inst. It will be observed
that in these matters of detail we have been more
particular than is our wont in giving the names
and official descriptions of those persons whom
we consider more or less concerned in and
responsible for what is shown by the evidence
to be one of the most disgraceful miscarriages of
justice that even this colony has ever known,
and our reason for this is that no mistake may
be made as regards the personality of the gentle-
men who are supposed to direct and guide the
machinery of the law, when the British Parlia-
ment, Press, and Public have been placed in
possession of the truth of this latest exhibition
of what Hongkong justice may mean where the
victims are only helpless Chinese.

"The story, although indecent, disgusting, and
degrading beyond the scope of any ordinary
imagination is simple and easily told. And we
mean to tell it in the interests of public morality,
and to vindicate that outraged sense of justice
which Mr. H. E. Wodehouse and the other respect-
able servants who are so liberally paid by the
tax-payers of this colony are such uncertain
vindicators. In the ordinary course of his duties,
a member of the staff of this journal obtained
certain information, implicating in a most serious
crime and outrage against public decency and
our common humanity a person employed in the
Public Works Department, and laid the same
before his Chief. The matter was a serious one,
and he was to be dealt with in the columns
of a public newspaper without investi-
gation, and the Editor of the *Hongkong*
Telegraph, in the exercise of his own dis-
cretion, before taking any action whatever, not
only obtained legal advice, but actually submitted
a written statement of the alleged offences to one
of the clearest and most reliable detectives in
the Far East. What was the result? Both the
lawyer and the detective were already well aware
that the alleged crimes of this worthy servant
of the Hongkong Government had been the
subject of common gossip in certain circles. 'Till
the colony for months past. And these alleged
crimes, to put the matter bluntly, were the seduc-
tion of two daughters of his Chinese mistress,
and a brutal outrage on a girl of ten years;
the last named offence, according to
report, having eventually resulted in the
child's death. Further investigation clearly
enough demonstrated that the leading facts
of the allegations against Minhinnitt were
beyond dispute—they could not be disproved.
And as such an important matter was
scarcely one for journalistic comment until the
Government authorities refused to do their
duty, the Editor of this journal, acting under
legal advice, wrote to Minhinnitt his intention
to place the case in the hands of the Police
Magistrate, and allow that official to take whatever
steps he considered the interests of public justice
demanded. And that course was pursued; the
Editor of the *Telegraph* called on Mr. Mitchell-
Innes, handed him the written statement of
alleged facts, explained how they were
obtained and where they came from, and
left any further action in his hands. The
Protector of Chinese, who, by the way,
is a first-rate fellow, very naturally and
very properly, without hesitating pronounced
the case one for a criminal prosecution; the
Editor of this journal, on being asked for his
opinion, suggested an independent investigation
by the police and a consultation with the law
officers of the Crown.

"The next act of this local tragedy was played
out at the Magistrate's, before Mr. Wodehouse,
police magistrate. To the proceedings there,
from beginning to end, we most strongly direct
the attention of the Officer Administering the
Government. We have no means of knowing
what took place between the Protector of Chinese,
the Crown Solicitor, the Attorney-General, the
Captain Superintendent of Police, and the
officials are 'acting,' but that of course will be
taken for granted—we only know that a member
of our staff was induced, most improperly, to swear
a criminal information against Minhinnitt which
it was the bounden duty of the Crown to under-
take, the more especially as the Captain Superin-
tendent had satisfied himself by independent
inquiries that the charges alleged were based on
a scandalous and generally reliable evidence.
Where was the Crown Solicitor? If there was
not in his experienced opinion sufficient evidence
for a prosecution, why did he not so advise
the Captain Superintendent of Police? He
advised the Captain Superintendent of Police to
that effect, and prevent the man's arrest and the
subsequent proceedings? If there was sufficient
evidence to establish a *prima facie* case, why
was the Crown Solicitor

and of the most venal description, and the defendant says that the said reports of money lending to the Government employees and contractors became and were matters of public notoriety, discussion and interest, and the words complained of were a fair and bona fide comment upon the several matters aforesaid and upon the plaintiff as an Overseer of Works in the Public Works Department of the Government of Hongkong, and in reference thereto and were printed and published by the defendant as and for such comment and without any malicious interest or motive whatever, the words being true in substance and in fact.

2. In addition to paragraph four of the defendant's answer the defendant further says that in or about the month of September 1888 the plaintiff did attempt to criminally outrage and he did at his residence in this Colony indecently assault a Chinese child named Ah Fat of tender years, to wit about six years of age, and further did seduce and attempt to seduce and by her had issue with an European girl she being the daughter of the plaintiff's concubine with whom the plaintiff had lived for several years; that such conduct, more especially in a Government Servant, is a gross outrage on public decency and decorum and such Government Servant is unfit to be retained in the Public service of this Colony; and the matters aforesaid were printed and published by the defendant as and for such comment on a Public Servant and without any malicious interest or motive whatever and the said words are true in substance and in fact.

That constituted the whole of the plaintiff's defence. Unfortunately (the learned counsel said) he would have to go over them again in order to put before the jury as clearly as possible the questions to be discussed in the course of the case, otherwise many of the points might be unintelligible. The first article (August 18th), of which publication was admitted, was a general attack on the Public Works Department, as being thoroughly incompetent and corrupt. Defendant therein was only following out the admitted line of conduct followed for many years by him as editor of the paper. But in course of that article he deliberately singled out, in a way that could leave no doubt in the mind of any ordinary reader, the plaintiff Minihennet, and charged him personally with corruption and with receiving considerable sums from contractors as bribes, and with possessing much property derived corruptly. Defendant pointed out the impossibility of a man in plaintiff's position getting such property honestly. In his defence Mr. Fraser-Smith seemed to deny that that was his meaning, and said that he simply meant to impute venality to Minihennet, in that he was a money-lender. In the second article he improved on that, saying that the story alleged was towards subordinates in the P.W.D. Finally he alleged that whatever he had said could be proved, and that it was what was called "privileged," and was a fair journalistic comment. The second article (Sept. 20th, 1890) was a comment on the police court trial of Minihennet for rape. The plaintiff claimed that what Mr. Fraser-Smith meant to convey in that article and what the public would understand from it was that the plaintiff was in fact guilty of the offence alleged. In reply to the plaintiff defendant did not directly admit or deny this imputation, but alleged that plaintiff was at any rate guilty of certain abominable offences against morality. The plea of privilege meant that though there might be some inaccuracy in the alleged libel, it was a fair and reasonable and honest effort in the public interest. That plea if established would be quite sufficient. The plaintiff's answer was that many pecuniary transactions resulting in great animus between Fraser-Smith and Minihennet had caused him to write the articles from the point of view of the public interest. If the article was published not as a bona fide comment for the public good but solely for the purpose of vilifying plaintiff, it was not honestly but maliciously printed, and defendant was responsible for the damages. The learned counsel then went at great length into the matters at dispute between Fraser-Smith and Minihennet, and then proceeded to take the articles complained of, piece by piece, and show how each statement made in the paper was contested and was held to be libellous. Mr. Fraser-Smith's defence was that the articles were the result of a misapprehension of the relations between Fraser-Smith and Minihennet. At present the learned counsel proposed only to deal with the evidence of the Police Court trial, the articles published, and the motives; if the defendant called evidence of any weight to prove the allegations, plaintiff would then be entitled to call further evidence to rebut them. As to damages, if the jury decided for plaintiff, it was for them to consider the whole course of defendant's conduct both before and after the publication, in assessing the amount.

The depositions taken in the police court case, and copies of the *Telegraph* of various dates, were then put in; also proceedings in the suits 50 of 1890, and 82 of 1890, in the Supreme Court.

Shortly after four o'clock the Court adjourned until to-morrow at 11 a.m.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

The *Empress* line of steamships run by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company between Hongkong and Vancouver has already, even though only nine months old, so greatly developed and so quickly exceeded the estimates formed of its prosperity, that it is now found necessary to establish a head office for Asia exclusively, with no hindrance of further expansion. Mr. Geo. Dowdell, who had held the agency from the origin of the Canadian route between China and England, both under the old system of the chartered *Gaillard* and since the new boats came out, has found that other business presses him too much. His firm, Messrs. Dowdell, Carill & Co., has probably the largest shipping connection in the East, which of course expands year by year. Mr. Dowdell's arrangement with the Canadian Pacific Co. was apart from his firm; and it was at one time suggested that he devote himself exclusively to the C.P.R. Co., taking no active part in Dowdell, Carill & Co. This he found he could not do, as the young and rising firm that succeeded Adams, Bell and Co. required almost the whole of his time. Consequently it was decided, however, against

the will of all parties, to discover the Asiatic headquarters of the C.P.R. Co. from Dowdell, Carill & Co., and set up an establishment fit to rank among the first of the kind in China and Japan.

Mr. Shaughnessy, Vice President of the C.P.R. Co., paid a visit to Hongkong to inquire into the possibilities and necessities of the affair, and with him came Mr. Holloway, who is to be head of the Eastern branch. As a result of their investigations it is found advisable to secure a fine building in the centre of the town, which shall worthily stand as the C.P.R. head office in the East. Mr. Holloway will be able to develop with a free hand the Pacific passenger and cargo traffic, which is to be brought to the highest pitch of perfection. At present it is not possible to say anything as to the establishment of a fortnight or weekly service, the enlargement of the fleet, the opening of a new C.P.R. line to Australia or India, or any new departure in the Atlantic service. The existing arrangement for the traffic between America and England is that three lines—Allan, Dominion, and Beaver—run twice a week, to Montreal in summer, and Halifax in winter (sometimes to Portland, Maine, owing to some little misunderstanding about the subsidy)—but the fast service, by which the record passages were made, notably the 21 days from Japan to London, is via New York, from which port the fastest Atlantic boats all sail. Whether the existing lines will combine to put on a speedier service from Canadian Atlantic ports, or whether the C.P.R. will induce other railway companies to join in putting on such a line as the *Empress*, is not yet known. When Mr. Shaughnessy has to do with just now is the development of the Pacific trade, and all he can tell us is that the Canadian Pacific Co. will spare no expense to perfect the service and leave all competitors far behind.

CANTON.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

Canton, 14th December, 1891.
A few days ago Herr Friedenthal, the great pianist, paid Canton a flying visit and performed in the house of the Commissioner of Customs, for the Upper Ten only of course. It appears the German Consul kindly undertook to circulate the coming event and unfortunately forgot to specially tell his cousin that the members of the Customs *Out-door* staff were also allowed to attend, if they paid the usual entrance fee. The result therefore was that he was in the habit of doing on similar occasions, he took the children to the members of the aristocracy only. So that not one of the *Out-door* staff people knew anything at all about it. Rather rough on Herr Friedenthal, who lost about \$50 by it, but then that is a minor consideration.

We are going to have another Chinese newspaper in Canton. The machinery is already erected on the Shamshien and if I mistake not Mr. Xavier, the chancellor of the French Consulate here, is the manager (nominal or otherwise). Two of the new French Mission houses have been rented for the purpose at \$85 a month. Nothing mean about us.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*, Capt. Wm. Ward, with the American mails of the 14th ult., arrived in port yesterday forenoon. We extract the following telegrams from our San Francisco exchanges:—

LONDON, November 4th.
The *Chronicle's* Paris correspondent says: The Pope prepared his religious will in October. It is written in Latin. The Pope disclaims any personal inclination as to the choice of his successor. The Pope's temporal will is being drafted by four cardinals in secret. All the Pope's property is invested in England.

In a religious despatch from Persia, a mob set fire to the house of General Sardar Gooli Khan, who was killed, with twenty dependants. The Sultan of Turkey has ordered hundreds of heavy guns from Krupp for the defence of the Dardanelles.

The English Admiralty has decided to send a crew to the men-of-war *Champion* via Halifax, Canadian Pacific railway and Esquimaux. Hitherto it has been the custom to send crews of recommissioned ships to the Pacific by way of the Canal.

St. Petersburg, November 4th.
A number of provincial assemblies propose to close all the saloons in the famine districts to prevent the peasants spending their relief money in drink.

A military train has been wrecked at Ivanogorod. Three soldiers were killed and fifteen injured.

PARIS, November 4th.
The headless body of a man, entirely nude, was found in a cellar in the Rue Charonne today.

NEW YORK, November 4th.
A prominent Wall-street house, with foreign connections, is quoted as saying that if any trouble is to break out in Europe this winter it will be in Paris, which so far has not had anything approaching a crisis the past year. "While London, New York and Berlin have been in the throes of a stringent market and in panic conditions, Paris has been relatively calm and serene. The late Russian loan has undoubtedly been compulsorily taken by lending loans to a large extent, and as the Hebrews in all Europe are against Russian securities for various reasons, and conservative financial men are against them for prudential reasons, it will be difficult for these overvalued bankers to relieve themselves."

BERLIN, November 4th.
The Bremen Senate has issued a decree permitting the importation of British and American cattle for breeding purposes on presentation of a certificate of origin and satisfactory report from the State Veterinarian. Cattle imported for other purposes than breeding to be isolated one month.

VINNA, November 4th.
The *New Free Press* states that on arriving in Vienna the Duke of Orleans was served with a citation for damages of £50,000 in the Malbau divorce case.

ROME, November 4th.
The International Peace Congress, on motion of the German delegates, decided that the French language should be spoken during the proceedings.

MADRID, November 4th.
The Government organs declare the Government will not consent to give an exequatur to Mr. Rand, the American Consul to the Caroline Islands, on account of his supposed connection with the Methodist missionaries, whose influence over the natives is the cause of worry to the Spanish authorities and Catholic monks there.

LONDON, November 5th.
Advices from Negropont, an island belonging to Greece, lying in the Aegean Sea, states that an unknown British steamer laden with oil was burned at sea. Six persons were saved, but others, including the captain's wife, were drowned.

Advices received here from Dumfrieshire, Scotland, announce that influenza is prevailing in that section of the country. Hardly a person in Dumfrieshire is exempt from it. A cowkeeper named Deroos, recently released from a Russian prison, in order to avenge him-

self on a witness who testified against him, armed himself and started after his accuser. In the course of his search he killed a doctor and two peasants and severely injured a woman, causing her to give premature birth to a child. He escaped.

Severe snow-storms continue in Bulgaria. At some points the snow is ten feet deep. Many persons have died from the effects of the cold, and thousands of cattle and sheep have been lost. Numerous wrecks are reported in the Black sea.

PARIS, November 5th.

It appears that in regard to the sensational murder mystery connected with the headless body of a man found in a cellar in the Rue Charonne yesterday, the authorities made an investigation, which resulted in establishing the following facts: The man was strangled before being beheaded. The murderers carried the bleeding trunk to the place where it was found from the spot where the crime was committed. The place where the murderers hid their victim's head has not yet been discovered.

A dock laborer named Vawort has been arrested on suspicion of being the murderer. Vawort has once been in prison for an attempt to murder. He was seen to enter the house with a companion Sunday evening and depart alone Monday with a linen parcel.

BERLIN, November 5th.

The suspension yesterday of the firm of Hirschfeld & Wolff, bankers, caused a sensation in financial circles, but it was nothing to the developments of to-day. It was reported at the time the failure was announced that the Emperor of Germany and Prince Henry of Prussia were liable to lose a large amount by the failure, and that Minister of Public Worship Dr. von Goster had lost his entire fortune and many members of the most aristocratic families were involved in the firm's troubles.

Under such circumstances a rigid investigation into the affairs of Hirschfeld & Wolff was only natural. This inquiry into the bankers' business methods commenced yesterday and resulted this morning in the arrest of Herr Wolff, head of the firm, on a charge of the most serious nature, the particulars of which have not yet been made public. This financial upheaval is the only thing being talked most to-day in Berlin, and further and more startling developments are expected when the full facts become known. The amount of the firm's liabilities is not announced, but it is understood that it is very high.

Hirschfeld & Wolff assisted Banker Joseph Leipsiger, some years ago, out of difficulty, and since then they operated jointly, Leipsiger accepting bills of accommodation. Leipsiger is the largest debtor. The realization on Wolff's assets will therefore depend upon the solvency of Leipsiger. The public prosecutor is proceeding against Wolff's son for spreading false news on the bourse about the Emperor William's health.

STOCKHOLM, November 5th.

Owing to the bursting of a Krupp gun during a recent test by the military authorities, the Swedish Inspector of Ordnance has gone to Essen to discuss the affair with the Krupps, inspect the casting of the new guns and learn the method of their manufacture. If Krupp declines to permit this the Swedish Government intends to buy its guns elsewhere.

MADRID, November 5th.

Rafn has fallen in torrents in the province of Mataga, and the lower quarters of Gollia and Perchel are submerged.

HALIFAX (N. S.), November 5th.

The steamer *Ottawa* has been wrecked on Blond rock. All were saved except Mrs. Lindsay, the stewardess.

St. John (N. F.), November 5th.

The steamer *Parva* has been lost. The master, J. C. Keen, his four sons and two others are missing. The *Louisa* Jane has also been lost.

LONDON, November 6th.

Further advices from the island of Negropont, in the Aegean sea, state that the total number of people who perished by the burning of the unknown British oil steamer was twenty.

A dispatch received to-day says the steamer burned in the vicinity of Negropont has been identified as the British steamer *Lux*, bound from Batoum for Anwerp.

A dispatch from Vienna to the *Times* says that a telegram has been received in that city from Pennell, the artist, stating that he was arrested at Berolchev, Russian Poland, and was confined for thirty-six hours. He was subsequently released and expelled from Russia.

SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST A BRITISH MINISTER.

Writing under date the 28th ultimo to the *Siam Free Press* Dr. P. Gowan, late medical adviser to the King of Siam, charges Captain Henry M. Jones, V.C., H.B.M. Minister Resident at the Court of Bangkok, that he induced the Siam Government to commit a breach of the Anglo-Siam treaty, and thereby caused his (Dr. P. Gowan's) dismissal from the service of the King. That is a bold charge to bring against any individual, much more so against a distinguished representative of the Queen-Empress, and we shall await with interest further details of the affair. There are, it must be borne in mind, wheels within wheels in this business, and the episode now under notice is by no means singular as affecting the relations between a gentleman who detests the small of British consular shoe-leathers and the representative of his country in the capital of the best bed kingdom. However, that is a matter which may or may not have tended to increase the ire of the old and tried servant of King Chulalongkorn, but it should be stated clearly that the incident referred to made Bangkok pretty lively long before Captain Jones assumed charge of British interests in the Land of the White Elephant.

What Dr. P. Gowan has caused the *Siam Free Press* to publish on the subject runs as follows:—

TO CORRECT MISAPPREHENSION.
To the Editor of the "Siam Free Press."
SIR,—The *Bangkok Times* translation of a notification from the Government Gazette of the 15th inst., in which it is intimated that my services have been dispensed with by the Siam Government, is likely to produce a false impression on some of your readers.

On the 6th instant I pointed out in a letter to the British Minister, which contained some very plain expressions concerning himself and H. B. M.'s Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. As these statements were absolutely true, the Minister-Resident was quite unable to punish me for *fas* for this disclosure. He, therefore, on the same day, demanded of the Siam Government that I should be dismissed from the post which I have held for more than one-third of my life.

Any person who will refer to Article 3 of the Treaty of Friendship and Commerce between Siam and Great Britain, will of course see that this act of the British Minister was an attempt to induce the Siam Government to commit a breach of the said treaty. It, moreover, placed the Siam Government in a most awkward position. If the demand or entreaty of the man who is paid to see that the Siam Government does not do what he was lacking in to do, was

refused, he would naturally cherish the same kindly feelings towards the Siam Government for doing their duty as he cherishes to me for doing mine.

On the other hand, if the Siam Government acceded to the British Minister's demand to dismiss me for no offence committed against either the English or Siam law, it would incur the odium of all men of spirit and the breach of treaty so committed might have been brought up against Siam on a future occasion. Remember the fable of the wolf and the lamb! Now, when I addressed my letter to the British Minister, I fully anticipated his action, and considered it my duty to the Siam Government to save it from either of the aforesaid alternatives. This could only be done by resigning my position, and I have the letter of the Acting Minister of Education, acknowledging receipt of my letter of 7th instant, in which I stated that "circumstances compelled me" to resign the post held under the Government of Siam.

I write this simply in the interest of the Siam Government, which I should be sorry to hear wrongfully condemned for having thrown over an old and tried servant at the dictation of a man smarting under the sting of language which I am ready at any time to justify. For my own part, if I had been dismissed at such dictation, I should have felt no disgrace. But, if I had deliberately prostituted my office, I should have felt degraded indeed, and ought to have been grateful to any man who pointed out to me that I should look infinitely more degraded than I did in the act of prostituting my office. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
(Signed) P. GOWAN.
Bangkok, 26th Nov., 1891.

PEKING.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Peking, December and.
In the *Peking Gazette* of yesterday is published an Imperial Decree appointing Lieutenant General Kwei Pin as Military Lieutenant-Governor of Jehol, in the place of Teh-tu (recalled because he failed to quell the rebellion). At the same time Teh-tu has been appointed Military Lieutenant-Governor of Chakhar, his predecessor having probably been recalled for similar reasons as the one at Jehol. The Governor of Chakhar resides at Kalgan, the Gate City of the Great Wall.

According to advices received yesterday, the Imperial troops have surrounded the rebels to the north of Jehol, so that there is now less fear of the spreading of the rebellion. Telegraphic news received yesterday report the present safety of the Roman Catholic missionaries in Mongolia.

December 6th.

Kwei Pin, whom I mentioned yesterday as being appointed Military Governor of Jehol, was Governor of Chakhar. He is commanded to proceed to Jehol without coming to Peking for the usual audience with the Emperor. The former Governor of Jehol seems to be missing. Very likely he was murdered by the rebels. Yeh Chieh-shen, Former-General and Major-General, commanding the garrison at and around Tientsin, has been slain by the rebels, or such is the report current amongst the Chinese here and in Tientsin. It is also reported that a Foreign Roman Catholic priest has been quartered, or rather divided into eight pieces, something in the style of the *Hugobush* business, by the rebels. A Mongol prince also lost his life, whether by suicide or murder is not yet known. The number of rebels is estimated variously from 500 to 30,000. It is difficult to strike the medium.—*Mercury*.

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JAUNAP'S CHAMPAGNE, SAZERAC BRANDIES, &c., &c.



Novelties in Games & Fancy Articles. CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. 4, QUEEN'S ROAD, AND DUDDELL STREET.

Today's
Advertisements.ST. ANDREW'S HALL,
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.THIS EVENING,
the 15th December.

A GRAND CONCERT

Will be given by the Celebrated
PIANO VIRTUOSO

HERR ALBERT

FRIEDENTHAL.

Doors open at 8.30; to commence at 9 p.m.

Reserved Seats.....\$2.00
(Back seats in last 3 rows \$1.00).The Box plan at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH,
LIMITED,
Hongkong, 15th December, 1891. [1489]"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
THE Steamship

"FATHAN,"

Captain Roy, will be despatched as above
on or about TUESDAY, the 22nd instant.For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1891. [1489]AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, SUEZ,
JEDDAH, SUAKIM, MASSAWAH,
HOEDDA, ADEN, BOMBAY,
COLOMBO, PENANG, AND
SINGAPORE.THE Steamship
"MARIA TERESA"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that this vessel, with the exception of
oil, is being landed at their risk into the
Godowns of the Wanchai Warehouse and
Storage Co., Ltd., Wanchai, whence delivery
may be obtained.Consignees wishing to receive their Goods
on the Wharf are at liberty to do so.
This vessel brings on Cargo:-
From Trieste, ex S.S. "IMPERATOR," transhipped
at Bombay.From Calcutta, ex S.S. "NIOBE," transhipped
at Colombo.No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all claims must be
sent in to the Underigned before Noon on the
22nd inst., or they will not be recognized.No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any
Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 22nd
inst., will be subject to rent.Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1891. [1487]

VICTORIA ROWING CLUB.

THE Committee having procured the Steam-
ship "Kluang" as Flagship for the
REGATTA, beg to intimate that admission
thereto is free to all, and that Tickets can be
obtained on board on the 17th and 18th instants;
the occasion of the ANNUAL REGATTA.
The Ladies' Prize will be presented immedi-
ately after the Race, and the other Prizes in the
Gymnasium of the V.R.C. on SATURDAY, the
19th inst., at 4.30 p.m.
Through the courtesy of Mr. GILLIES, the
Pilot Fish will leave Pedder's Wharf on Thurs-
day and Friday next, at 12.30 p.m. and 1 p.m.
The EIGHT-OARED RACE, CLUB V.
UNITED SERVICES, will take place on
SATURDAY at 3.30 p.m.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1891. [1488]

Hotels.

THE SHAMBEEN HOTEL.

BRITISH CONCESSION, CANTON.

THIS FIRST CLASS HOTEL, admirably
situated within a few minutes' walk of the
"River Steamer Wharves," is now open to receive
Visitors.The Bed-rooms are cool, airy and comfortably
furnished, and the spacious Dining Room, Billiard
Rooms, and accommodation generally will be
found equal to the best Hotels in the East.
The Table D'ôte is supplied with every
luxury in season, and the cuisine is in experi-
enced hands.Wines, Spirits, Cigars, etc., of the best
quality only.
A WELL APPOINTED BILLIARD ROOM,
A. F. DE ROZARIO,
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1891. [1488]

Intimations.

HONGKONG TIMBER
YARD, WANCHAI.OREGON PINE SPARS and LUMBER
Always on Hand.
L. MALLORY,
Hongkong, 24th June, 1891. [1488]

NOTICE.

JAY'S SANITARY COMPOUNDS
COMPANY, LIMITED.JAY'S WOOD PRESERVER OR
ANTISEPTIC PAINT.THE Undersigned have this day been
appointed SOLE AGENTS for the sale
of the PERFECT DISINFECTANTS, and
also prepared to supply quantities to suit
customers at Wholesale Prices. Extra Special
Quotations for Builders and Large Orders.
ESTD. ROBERT L. LAWSON, C.B., C.E., Chief
Sanitary Engineer, Local Government Board,
Colonial Office."It is the best disinfectant in use."
W. H. HUMPHREYS & Co.,
100, Queen's Road, Central.

Hongkong, 7th June, 1891. [1488]

Intimations.

REDUCTION IN PRICE!

XMAS AND NEW YEAR PRESENTS.

WATERBURY WATCHES

(MOST RELIABLE AND ACCURATE TIME-KEEPERS)

E SERIES

Is now offered for a dollar 50 cents each.

GENTLEMEN'S J SERIES @ \$4.75 EACH.

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Inspection is respectfully invited.

MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,

8, Queen's Road, Central.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1891. [1491]

INTIMATION.

J. Blackhead & Co.

SHIP-CHANDLERS, SAIL-MAKERS,

AND PROVISION MERCHANTS.

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GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS.

No. 11, Praya Central,

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FOR CHINA AND JAPAN

FOR THE

TULE LIFE PRESERVER

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Manufactured by the

LEUC TULE IMPROVEMENT

COMPANY,

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Hongkong, 10th November, 1891. [1488]

FOR SALE.

THE ENGINES AND BOILER OF THE

CHINESE GUNBOAT "CHOP-CHUNG."

The Engines of the "Chop-chung" were con-
structed by Messrs. INGLE & Co., of
Wanchai, and are of the Compound "Invented"
Cylinder Direct-Acting Surface Condensing type,
cylinders 20" and 38" dia.; with a stroke of 24".
The crank shaft is 6" dia. at the crank pin and
7" dia. at the journals. The H.P. Piston Rod is
3" dia. and the L.P. 3" dia. The Piston and Con-
necting Rod bolts are of "Air Steam" 1 1/2"
dia. by 14 studs. Single Acting. Circulating
Pump 8" dia. by 13" stroke; and Double Acting
Feed and Bilge Pump (each) 3" dia. by 13"
stroke.These Engines have been very little used and
are in thoroughly good order.The Boiler is of the Horizontal Multitubular
type, with three Furnaces and vertical Boilers on
top. Its dia. is 10ft. 2" by 10" long, external
measurements; Furnaces, 24" x 14" dia.; Boilers,
44" dia. by 4ft. high; Tubes, 1 1/2" in number by
3" ex dia. It is in fairly good condition, having
recently undergone considerable repairs, and
could be put in service in a few days.

For Further Particulars, Apply to

GORDON & Co.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 26th August, 1891. [1488]

FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.

A REWARD of \$500 will be paid to any
person supplying information that will
lead to the discovery and identification of a
Chinese girl named LI AFAT, who, in or about
the month of September, 1888, was resident at St.
Francis Street, Wanchai, in the house of JOHN
MINHINNETT, an overseer in the Hongkong
Public Works Department, under the protection
of a Chinese kept woman named WONG AH
NGAN.LI AFAT is about 10 years of age, and
according to a declaration made by WONG
AH NGAN at the Magistracy, she was returned
to her mother about three years ago—presumably
to some village in the Kwangtung Province,
where it is stated she died a short time after-
wards.On the other hand JOHN MINHINNETT
deposed on oath in the Supreme Court that LI
AFAT was sold by WONG AH NGAN and that
he was present in his own house when the
purchase money was paid, and that the children
reported that the girl was a Chinese of im-
mortal purpose.A reward of \$500 will be paid to any person
who shall produce reliable evidence showing
that LI AFAT was returned to her mother, or
about September 1888, and showed evidence
alleged.

Apply to

J. H. HARRISON,
THE Hongkong Telegraph.

Hongkong, 26th August, 1891. [1488]

STEAMERS EXPECTED IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	FROM.	DATE DUE.	AGENTS.
Kwang	Singapore	Dec. 15th	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Yong	Yokohama	Dec. 16th	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Yong	Yokohama	Dec. 16th	Messageries Maritimes.
Yong	Yokohama	Dec. 17th	Gibb, Livingston & Co.
Yong	Singapore	Dec. 20th	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Yong	Singapore	Dec. 21st	Dodwell, Carill & Co.
Yong	Singapore	Dec. 21st	Jensen & Co.
Yong	Bombay	Dec. 20th	P. & O. S. N. Co.

STEAMERS LOADING IN HONGKONG.

DESTINATION.	VESSEL.	AGENTS.	DATE OF LEAVING.
London, &c., via Suez Canal	Pekin	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 24th, at noon.
London, via Suez Canal	Glengyle	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	About Dec. 19th.
Madras, via Suez Canal	Salario	Messageries Maritimes.	To-morrow, at noon.
Bremen and Ports of Call.	Premier	Messageries Maritimes.	Dec. 19th, at 3 p.m.
Havre, &c., via Singapore	Glamorgan	Dodwell, Carill & Co.	Dec. 22nd, at noon.
Panama and Straits, &c.	Marla Teresa	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.	About Dec. 15th.
New York, via Suez Canal	Colingham	Dodwell, Carill & Co.	About Dec. 15th.
New York, via Suez Canal	Benlarig	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	About Dec. 24th.
San Francisco, via Yama	Hayston	Dodwell, Carill & Co.	About Dec. 24th.
San Francisco, via Yama	Glacie	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Dec. 31st, at 1 p.m.
Vancouver, B.C., via S. &c.	Empress of Japan	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Dec. 19th, at 1 p.m.
Sydney, &c., via Japan, &c.	Hiroshima Maru	Gen. R. Stevens & Co.	To-morrow, at 5 p.m.
Calcutta, via Straits, &c.	Japan	D. Sassoon, Sons & Co.	To-morrow, at noon.
Singapore, Havre, &c.	Ipakona	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 17th, at 10 a.m.
Yokohama, via Nag., &c.	Ancona	Dodwell, Carill & Co.	About Dec. 24th.
Nagasaki, Kobe, &c.	Torington	Dodwell, Carill & Co.	About Dec. 24th.
Yokohama, via Nag., &c.	Pathan	Dodwell, Carill & Co.	About Dec. 22nd.
Manila, via Amoy, &c.	Diamante	Shewan & Co.	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
Singapore, Amoy, &c.	Fokien	Dodwell, Carill & Co.	To-morrow, daylight.

Intimations.

W. POWELL & CO.

SPECIAL SHOW

OF
CHRISTMAS NOVELTIESSUITABLE FOR
USEFUL AND ORNAMENTAL PRESENTS.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1891. [1488]

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

ARE NOW SHOWING THEIR STOCK

OF

FANCY AND LEATHER GOODS.

SUITABLE FOR

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1891. [1488]

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DRESS SUITS.

NEWEST MATERIALS, FROM \$30, SILK LINED.

A VERY LARGE SELECTION OF SCOTCH TWEEDS AND OTHER SUITINGS

EVENING DRESS SHIRTS, latest style.

EVENING DRESS TIES AND GLOVES.

EVENING DRESS & HOSE, SILK, THREAD, and MERINO.

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Hongkong, 27th November, 1891. [1488]

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FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS.

Commission Agents.

RESPECTFULLY INVITE INSPECTION OF THEIR VARIED STOCK OF

CHOCOLATES, SHORTBREAD, TOFFIES, &c.

SCOTCH HEATHER HONEY, \$1 per bottle.

OUR SPECIAL LIQUEUR WHISKY.

BRANDY, BEAUTELEAU'S

ALE BASS' Read Bros., Bull's Head.

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Hongkong, 5th December, 1891. [1488]

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WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS—TOBACCO AND CIGAR IMPORTERS,

GENERAL STOREKEEPERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS.

SHOOTING STOCKS FOR SPORTSMEN.

BUCKSKIN LEGGINGS.

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CARMICHAEL & CO., LTD.

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Just out of the hands of the Dock Company

and complete in every respect, with new sails,

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The Hongkong Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1891. [1488]

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FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP

MODERATE FEES.

M. R. WONG TAIYONG,

Dentist, 11, Praya Central, Hongkong.

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TO THE BANK BUILDINGS,

QUEEN'S ROAD,

HONGKONG, 15th July, 1891. [1488]

A. S. WATSON & CO. LIMITED.

TO AERATED WATER MANUFAC-
TURING AND OTHERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that all AERATED

WATER BOTTLES and SYPHONS

bearing the Company's Name and Trade Mark

are in property solely, and that any Manufac-
turer using the same or any Person or Persons
other than the Customers of the Firm found in
possession of the same will be proceeded against
as the law directs.A. H. MANCILL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th August, 1891. [1488]

OHS. J. GAUPP & CO.

CHRONOMETER, WATCH, and CLOCK

MAKERS, JEWELLERS, SILVER

SMITHS, and OPTICIANS.

CHARTS and BOOKS.

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EUROPE.

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,

AND OTHER CONNECTING

STEAMERS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Galle Thursday 31st Dec.

Batavia Saturday 23rd Jan., 1892.

Oceania (via Honolulu) Tuesday 16th Feb.

THE Steamship

"GALLIC" will be despatched for San Francisco, via

Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 31st inst.,

at 1 p.m. Connection being made at Yoko-
hama with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan

Ports.

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